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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

Lowe Chemical Company is listed as one of the companies on documents forwarded by the EPA regarding the Chemical Recovery System facility in Elyria, Ohio.

The record dates documented pertain to the years 1979 and 1980. Unfortunately, we do not have our records dating back twenty years and longer.

Over the thirty plus years Lowe Chemical Company has been in business as a chemical distributor, we have done very little business in the solvent market other than occasionally reselling one to two drums at a time. The primary thrust of our operation is the wholesale distribution of inorganic chemistry.

Moreover, the accounts receivable information pertaining to Lowe Chemical Company would relate to several solvent type products we would have purchased for resale. Items that may have been purchased would include, to my recollection, one to three drums of reclaimed Trichlorethylene from Obbitts Chemical. We never sold them any solvent and/or hazardous material for disposal.

With regards to Lowe Chemical Company's name on the Dirty Inventory list from 1979, we did sell CRS 70 x 50 lb. bags of Calcium Chloride Flake on 9/10/79 for a total of \$ 542.50 as the back up information provided references. This product is a non-hazardous material used for dust control and ice-melting.

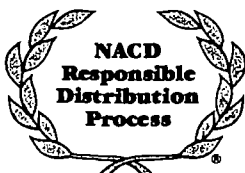
In view of the minimal non-hazardous business we did with CRS and/or Obbitts Chemical, it is our belief and hope we should be removed from the list as a participant responsible for cleaning up the facility in Elyria, Ohio.

Your comments and any additional questions you might have will be greatly appreciated.

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Chief Executive Officer

Notary Public

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Notary Public, State of Ohio, Cuy. Cty.
My Commission Expires June 1, 2004



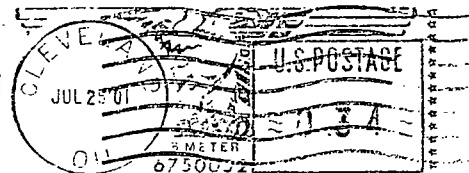
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